

Mr. WAGGONER. Is the natural use of the term "Federal reservoirs" a result of your responsibility in interstate work?

Dr. WEINBERGER. Yes, sir.

Mr. WAGGONER. It carries no special significance?

Dr. WEINBERGER. None whatsoever. The question has appeared before other committees of the Congress concerning the Federal role in State-financed reservoir construction. My reference was just limited to the fact that this is within our current act.

Mr. DADDARIO. It is an important consideration, however, and I'm pleased that Mr. Davis has pointed it out.

Mr. ROUSH?

Mr. ROUSH. Dr. Weinberger, one of the reasons for my excitement about the national space endeavor concerns the spinoff. We are very much aware that as we plan these trips to the Moon and other planets, disposal of waste and the matter of clean air within the capsule is very important. We also know that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is directing some of its attention to that particular problem.

Has anything unusual come to your attention as a result of their technological endeavor in this regard?

I imagine that someday we will have home devices as inexpensive and common as a garbage disposal which will take care of the home waste problem.

Dr. WEINBERGER. The only reason for hesitating was your question about whether anything unusual. There has been an interplay between NASA and ourselves. As a matter of fact, we make use of their contract reports in terms of any possibilities of technology being developed.

As you point out, there are obvious similarities in terms of a closed capsule, if you will. They are reusing and are actually treating water to be reused. So whatever techniques they develop there, not only in terms of treatment, but analytical methods or sensors or any other technology, we are alert to.

Some of their work is in biological systems which we have been working in concert. But, the concept you mention of taking household waste and perhaps treating them in other ways, yes, this is clearly one of the approaches which an R. & D. effort in this very expensive, necessary program of pollution control ought to be engaged in.

Mr. ROUSH. You have answered my next question which is, do you have contact with the people engaged in this work within NASA?

Dr. WEINBERGER. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROUSH. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. DADDARIO. Dr. Weinberger, I hope we may be able to send some questions down to you or have some of our staff contact you.

Dr. WEINBERGER. I would be very pleased to do that. (Additional questions and answers for the record may be found in volume II).

Mr. DADDARIO. I appreciate your coming here this morning. You have been extremely helpful.

Dr. WEINBERGER. I appreciate the opportunity to be here. (The biographical statement and complete prepared statement of Dr. Leon W. Weinberger follows:)